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USDA to measure small grain production

HARRISBURG, PA – Starting in late August, a sample of producers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2023 production and supply of small grains, including wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

“The small grains industry is an important part of United States agriculture. It is crucial for all involved to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy,” said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “We will contact more than 3,500 producers in Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania to accurately measure 2023 acreage, yield, and production for small grain crops. The data collected from this survey will be used along with additional information to help set small grain acreage, yield, and production estimates at the county level, which will be available this December in NASS’s Quick Stats database at quickstats.nass.usda.gov.”

NASS will contact producers to gather information on their 2023 production and the quantities of small grains and row crops stored on the farm. Additionally, NASS will survey commercial grain storage operations to determine estimates of grain stocks stored in any off-farm facility.

Producers are encouraged to respond online at agcounts.usda.gov. They may also return their completed surveys by mail. Producers who have not responded by August 29 may be contacted by a NASS representative to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

“NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, by keeping responses confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified,” stated Whetstone. “The information farmers and ranchers provide becomes useful data for decision-making on the farm, for federal farm programs, and the markets. I urge them to respond to this survey and thank them for their time and cooperation.”

NASS will publish state and national data in the annual *Small Grains Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports September 29 on the NASS website. These survey data also contribute to USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board’s monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

All NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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